

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Insert the attached Abstract in place of the Abstract which was originally filed with the application.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

The attached copy of the specification (text and figures) is the same as the originally-filed application as well as the English text of the application filed December 17, 2001. A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply is attached. No new matter has been added.

An Abstract has been added, as required by the attached Notice. No new matter has been added.

An original Declaration relating to the translation of the French text is attached.

The requirement in the attached Notice relating to a statement that replacement pages of the drawings is not understood and clarification is requested, especially in the event a separate or certified statement is required. The applicants submit that the replacement pages of the originally published drawings contain no new matter. The Office is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

For completeness, the applicants also submit herewith an original copy of the executed Declaration and an English translation of the IPER received in connection with PCT/FR00/00349.

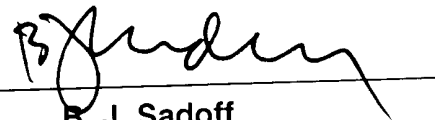
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Nothing further is believed to be required in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated January 28, 2002, however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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